GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Crop Diversification
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing any programme to promote crop diversification in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details and the major interventions thereof; and

(c) the amount spent and utilised thereunder for the purpose during the last year and the provision made for 2016-17?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare is implementing Crop Diversification Programme (CDP), a sub scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) in Original Green Revolution States of Punjab, Haryana and Western Uttar Pradesh to promote diversification from water guzzling paddy crop to alternate crops, to restore soil fertility and arrest the depletion of ground water since 2013-14. CDP has been extended to the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal to divert tobacco area to alternate crops/cropping system during 2015-16.

Under CDP, assistance is given on four major components i.e. alternate crop demonstrations, farm mechanization & value addition, site-specific activities and contingency for awareness, training, implementation, monitoring, etc. The alternate crops like pulses, oilseeds, coarse cereals including maize, cotton and agro-forestry plantation are promoted in Punjab, Haryana and Western Uttar Pradesh to replace paddy area. Agriculture and horticulture crops are promoted to replace tobacco in tobacco growing areas.

(c): Allocation and release of Central Share under CDP approved during 2015-16 & 2016-17 is as under:
(Rs. in crore)

Year	Allocation	Release
2015-16	150.00	91.32
2016-17	180.00	--

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